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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

1. CONGRESSMEN LESTER L. WOLFF, J. HERBERT BURKE, AND BENJAMIN J. GILMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY COMMITTEE STAFFERS DON DUSKIE AND EDWARD FOX, PLAN VISIT MEXICO CITY AND BOGOTA DURING PERIOD JANUARY 6 THROUGH JANUARY 17. CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND GILMAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES. NOT YET CERTAIN IF BURKE'S WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY.

2. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF IS CHAIRMAN OF FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. CONGRESSMAN
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BURKE IS RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON

FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. CONGRESSMAN GILMAN IS MEMBER INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TWO-FOLD: A) DISCUSS AND OBSERVE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS; AND B) DISCUSS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS AND FUTURE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. ITINERARY FOR TRIP IS AS FOLLOWS: (CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND GILMAN, WITH STAFFERS) JANUARY 6, ARRIVE MEXICO CITY, 1:34 PM, EASTERN FLT. 901. JANUARY 12 DEPART MEXICO CITY ARGENTINE AIRLINES, FLT. 371, ARRIVING BOGOTA 12:35 PM. DEPART BOGOTA 10:30 AM, JANUARY 17 EN ROUTE NEW YORK. CONGRESSMAN BURKE'S ARRIVAL TIME MEXICO NOT YET FIRM. WILL INFORM EMBASSY ASAP. MEXICO AND BOGOTA PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS-3 DOUBLE ROOMS FOR CONGRESSMEN AND TWO SINGLES FOR STAFFERS.

4. FOR MEXICO CITY: CONGRESSMEN HAVE REQUESTED EMBASSY ATTEMPT APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO DISCUSS GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS AND US-MEXICO RELATIONS AND WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA FOR DISCUSSION OF NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH OTHER SIGNIFICANT GOVERNMENTAL OR POLITICAL FIGURES WITH WHOM USEFUL DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HELD ON GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS AND NARCOTICS. ADDITIONALLY, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE FIELD TRIP TO AREAS IN WHICH POPPY ERADICATION CAMPAIGN NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN.

5. FOR BOGOTA: CONGRESSMEN HAVE REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISCUSS GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS AND US-COLOMBIAN RELATIONS. WITH REGARD TO NARCOTICS CONTROL, DUGSTAD OF S/NM WILL CALL NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SHURTLEFF ON JANUARY 5 TO DISCUSS PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS. ROBINSON

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